

### REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 19, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, and 18-20 subject to their amendment to overcome the claim objections. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

#### Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 11 were objected to because of the following informalities:

- a) Claim 1, line 19, the word “and” at the end of a distortion adding step should be deleted.
- b) Claim 1, line 24, the word “and” should be deleted and change the comma to a semicolon at the end of a histogram collating step.
- c) Claim 11, line 20, the word “and” should be deleted at the end of a distortion adding section.
- d) Claim 11, line 25, the word “and” should be deleted and change the comma to a semicolon at the end of a histogram collating step.
- e) Claim 11, line 31, the word “and” should be deleted.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended as requested by the Examiner. With this amendment it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements. It is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

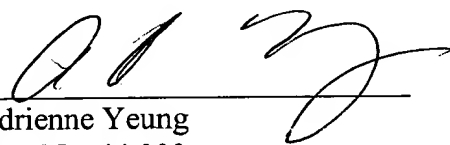
Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,  
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